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**MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ANNOUNCES THE NOMINATION OF JODI BLOCK TO THE
CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced his nomination of Jodi Black, creator and owner of the Children and Paradise Bookstore, to the Chicago Public Library Board.

"Jodi's vast experience in literature and deep dedication to serving communities across Chicago will be a tremendous asset to the Chicago Public Libraries Board," said Mayor Emanuel. "Libraries are essential to our communities and it is more important than ever that our libraries provide children, students and families with resources to learn and grow."

The Children in Paradise Bookstore, the largest children's-only bookstore in the Chicagoland area for 13 years. Jodi was responsible for managing the staff, selecting the inventory, and overseeing the day to day operations. Jodi currently sits on the board of the Open Studio Project Personal PAC, and The Chicago Children's Museum. She and her husband live in the Lakeview area.

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